



# Little Hocking Elementary School Newsletter Winter 2018

## From the Principals: Ms. Carter and Mr. Olivero

It is hard to believe the school year is half over. We want to thank all the parents who volunteered, attended school events, and/or donated to fundraisers during the first semester. We look forward to the second semester and serving our community of students and parents. Here are some reminders and update for your planning:

**Prescription and Nonprescription Medications (such as cough drops and other over the counter medications)** can only be administered at school with proper medication administrations forms completed and on file in the office. Please obtain these forms from our school nurse, Missy Kemper or Debbie Williams, school secretary. Thank you for not sending ANY medications to school with your child.

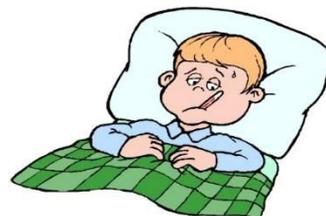


<b><u>School Events:</u></b>	
January 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Resumes
January 12, 2018	Report Cards
January 15, 2018	No School
February 9, 2018	Interim Reports
February 14, 2018	Valentine's Party
February 19, 2018	No School

**School fees and unpaid lunch balances** must be paid in order for students to obtain a report card. Just a reminder, students who are

eligible for free or reduced lunch may also qualify to have their fees waived. Please do not hesitate to phone the school office for more information.

**Blizzard Bags** will be assigned on the SECOND, FOURTH and SIXTH snow day. Your child needs to complete the Blizzard Bag work and return it to the teacher within 10 days of the missed school day. If you do not have access to a computer/printer, you need to contact your child's teacher for the missed work. The make-up order will be 6/1, 4/6, 4/5, 4/4 and 4/3.



**Student Absences MUST** be reported to the school office on the day of the absence as soon as you are aware they will not be attending. To report your child's absence please phone the school. As we head into the winter months please be reminded of the following:

**School Connects and local TV/News Stations** will communicate with families about **delays, early dismissals** and/or **school closings**. (If you are not receiving school connects phone messages, please contact our school office). In the event of an early dismissal, students will follow their normal dismissal routine, unless the office is notified.

### **Parent/Guardian Contact Information**

Please ensure the school office is provided with updated contact information, such as new phone numbers or change of address.



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**Recesses** will be outside unless the weather is extremely inclement; raining, snowing, or cold (below 25 degrees, including wind chill). All students are expected to go outdoors for recess unless they are ill or have a note from home to be temporarily excused from recess.

**Cold and Flu** season will be here soon. Please follow these general guidelines for keeping your child home: if your child has a fever or has had a fever in the last 24 hours, has vomiting or diarrhea, is not well enough to participate in class and/or if you think she/he may be contagious to other children.

**Lost and Found Items** are located in the school cafeteria.



### **How Can I Support my Child with Reading?**

As parents, sometimes we are not sure how to assist our children with becoming better readers. Here are some tips from literacy expert Timothy Shanahan.

1. **Read to your kids.** Reading to kids exposes them to richer vocabulary and has a positive impact on their language, intelligence and later literacy achievement.
2. **Talk to your kids.** Exposing your child to a variety of words helps in the development of literacy skills.
3. **Have your child tell you a story.** One great way to introduce kids to literacy is to write down their stories.
4. **Teach phonemic awareness.** To become readers, children have to learn to hear sounds within words. Play language games with your child.
5. **Listen to your child read.** When your child starts to bring book home from school, have her read to you. If it doesn't sound good, have her read it again. Or read it to her, and then have her try to read it herself. Studies show that this kind of repeated oral reading makes students better readers, even when it is done at home.
6. **Promote writing.** Literacy involves reading and writing. Having books and magazines available for your child is a good idea, but it's also helpful to have pencils, crayons, markers and paper. Encourage your child to write. One way to do this is to write notes or short letter to her. It won't be long before she is trying to write back to you.